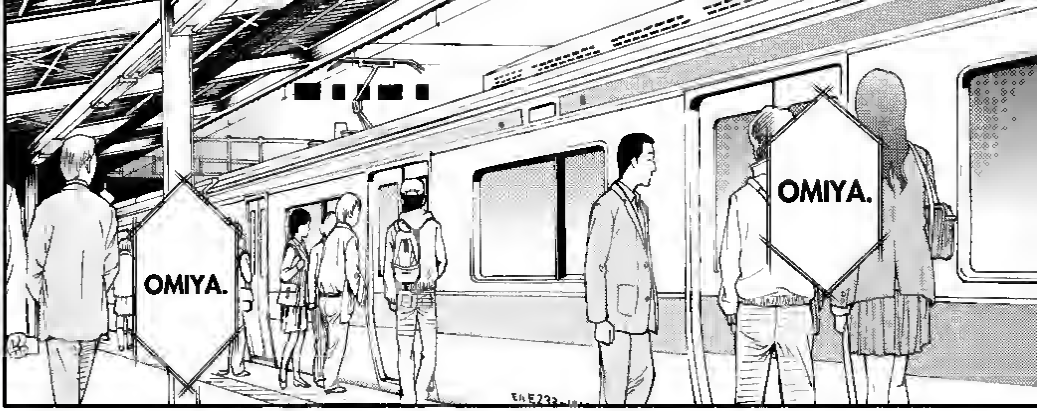
CHAPTER 01
HISS!
SCRATCH
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?
SCRATCH
WHY WON'T YOU FIGHT BACK?!

CHAPTER 01
THE FIST THAT DOES NOT FIGHT

KLAKKETA
KLAKKETA
KLAKKETA
KLAKKETA
NO!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, NO? COME ON!
COME ON, THIS WAY!
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING? HOLD UP!
NOOO! ! DON'T WANNA!!

WAAAA-
AAAAA-
AAAAH!
YOU'RE ALREADY ANGRY...
ENOUGH ALREADY, OR I'LL GET ANGRY!
WHISPER
HRM...
WHISPER
OF ALL THE THINGS!
GLANCE
WHY WON'T YOU LISTEN TO YOUR MOTHER?!
GLANCE
WAA-AH!
HONK
HONK
HEY, BE QUIET!
KLAKKETA
KLAKKETA


OMIYA.
OMIYA.

HEY, WE'RE GOING!
NOOO!
WALK PROP-ERLY!

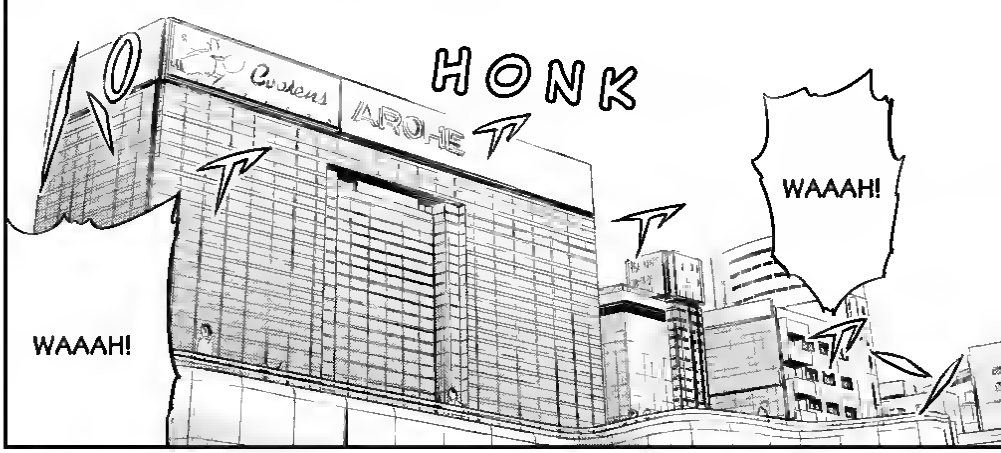
TAP

SHEESH
THEY'RE STILL AT IT.

TAK
AAA
TAK
TAK
TAK

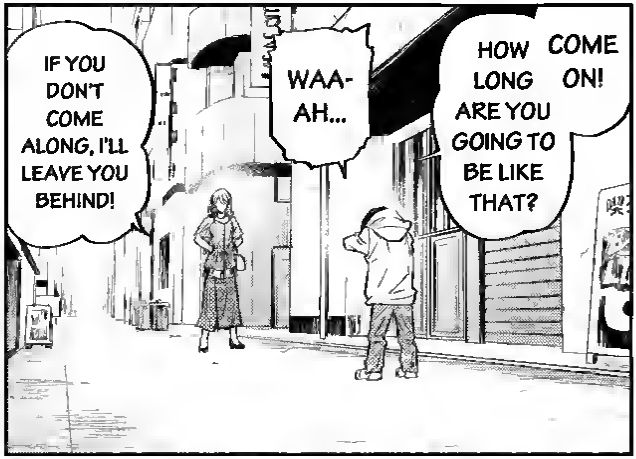
BLU
?!
MP

THAT HURTS!
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!
TURN
GLA
RE
MURMUR
MURMUR
WHAT'S UP WITH HIM?
.....
FLINCH
TAK-TAK

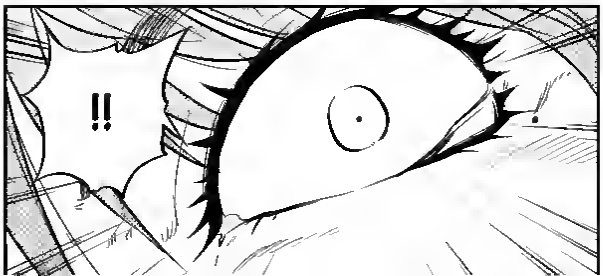

HONK
WAAAH!
WAAAH!

I DON'T CARE WHAT HAP-PENS TO YOU NOW!

KLAT
KLAT


IF YOU DON'T COME ALONG, I'LL LEAVE YOU BEHIND!
WAA-AH...
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO BE LIKE THAT?
COME ON!

SHHHH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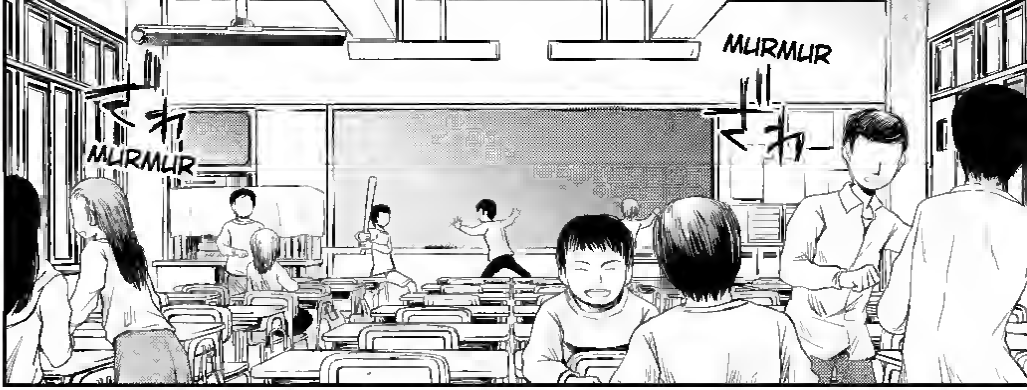
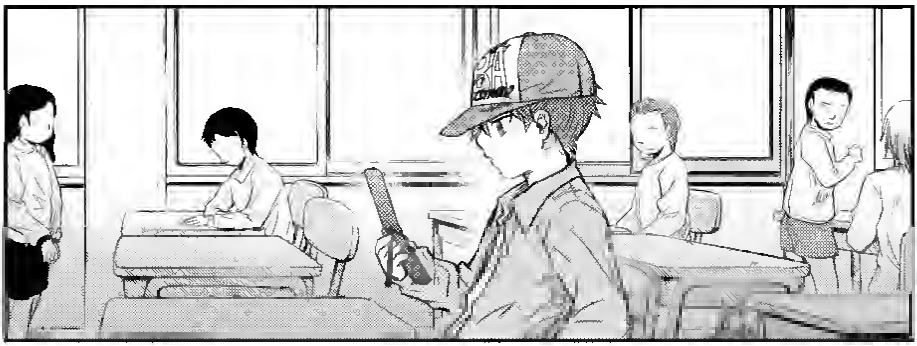
...?

NOISY BRAT...
LO
OM
IF YOU WON'T LISTEN TO YOUR MOTHER...
CRACK
CRACK
THEN I'LL DISCIPLINE YOU, IN-STEAD!


MURMUR
MURMUR

HEY, CHECK THAT OUT.
HUH?

NO WAY. REALLY?
HA HA HA! SO STUPID.

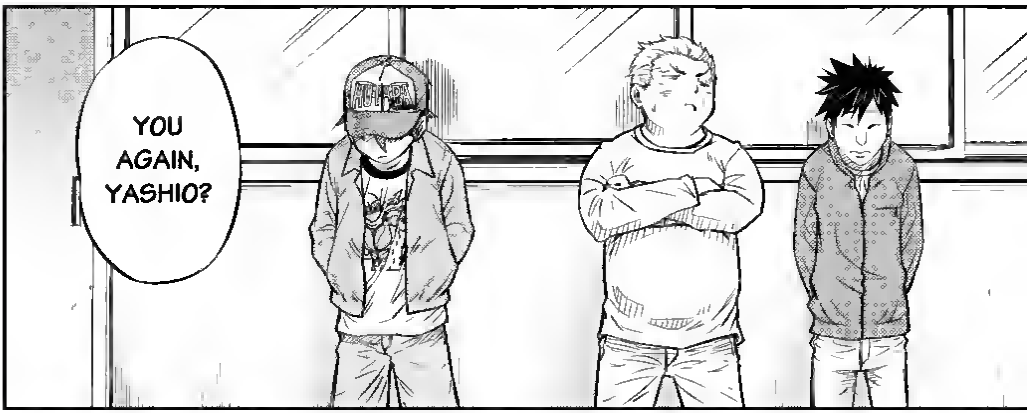


I CAN'T FRIG-GIN' BELIEVE ANYBODY'S STILL INTO TWINLEAF MASK.
OH MAN, YASHIO'S WEARING IT AGAIN.

HEH.
YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT?
SHUT UP.
KLUNK
STRUT わら
WE GRADUATED FROM THAT A LONG TIME AGO.
YASHIO, YOU'RE SUCH A KID.
わら STRUT
WHY YOU...!
DON'T TOUCH ME!
PAT
...IS INTO SUPER-HEROES ANYMORE!
NOBODY THESE DAYS...
CLATTER
EEE-EK!
CRASH

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
RATTLE
KNOCK IT OFF!
HEY!

CLATTER
YEAH
IT'S A FIGHT!
IT'S A FIGHT!
YEAH
CLATTER


YOU AGAIN, YASHIO?

キーン
DIIING
コーン
DONG

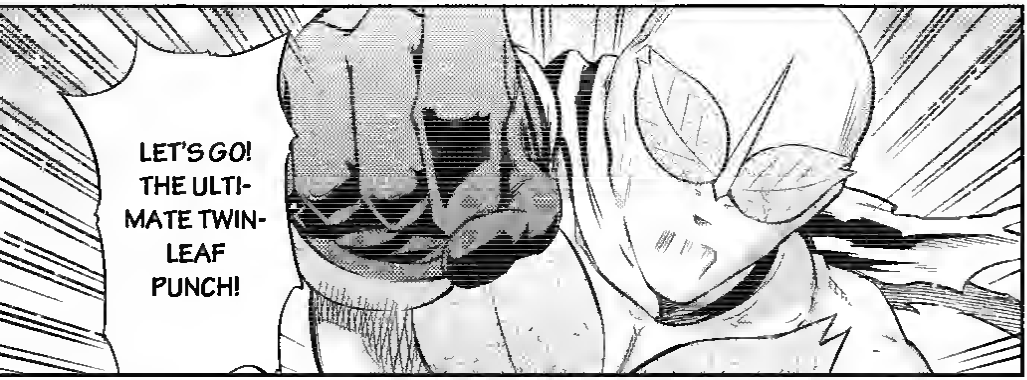
.....

COME TO THE TEACHER'S OFFICES AFTER CLASS.
HEY, ALL OF YOU. CLEAN THIS UP.
AW, MAAAN!

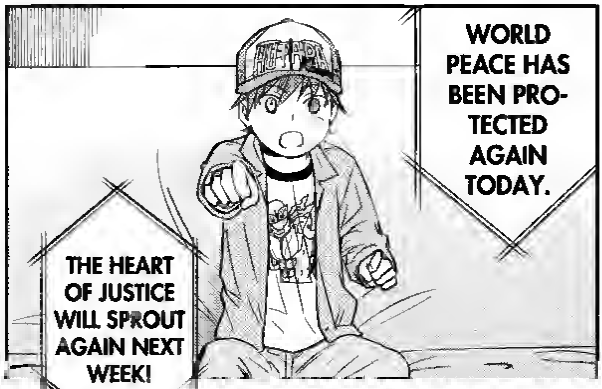
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG.
NO WAY I'M GOING TO THE OFFICE!
HMPH.
さわ MURMUR
さわ MURMUR
SHUFFLE
SQUEAK
キュ
GLACK
DIG
BA-BUMP

K-CHAK
HERO OF JUSTICE...
TA
TWINLEAF MASK!
DA
FLOOF
BEEP

CURSE YOU, EARTH-DEFILING MONSTER!
THE HAMMER OF JUSTICE COMES DOWN UPON YOU NOW!

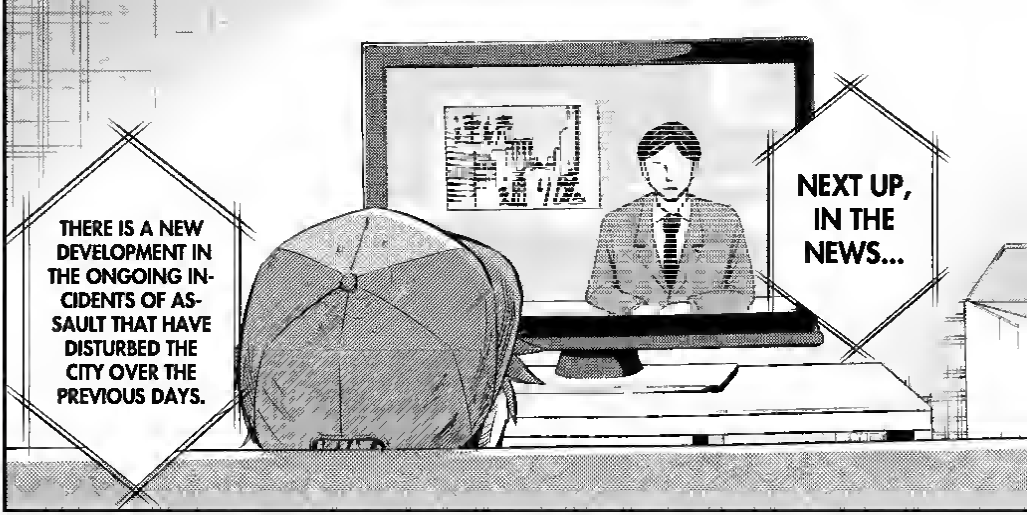

LET'S GO! THE ULTIMATE TWIN-LEAF PUNCH!

PHEW
FLOOP
THIS PROGRAM WAS BROUGHT TO YOU BY—


WORLD PEACE HAS BEEN PROTECTED AGAIN TODAY.
THE HEART OF JUSTICE WILL SPROUT AGAIN NEXT WEEK!

I KNEW IT. TWINLEAF MASK IS STILL TOTALLY THE BEST!
BEEP

GLITTER
GLITTER


NEXT UP, IN THE NEWS...
THERE IS A NEW DEVELOPMENT IN THE ONGOING INCIDENTS OF ASSAULT THAT HAVE DISTURBED THE CITY OVER THE PREVIOUS DAYS.

*CONTINUED SLASHINGS

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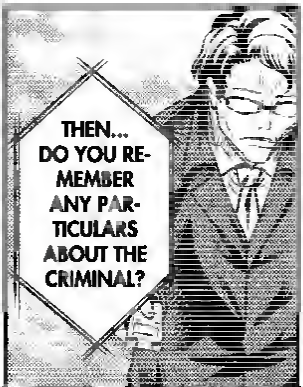
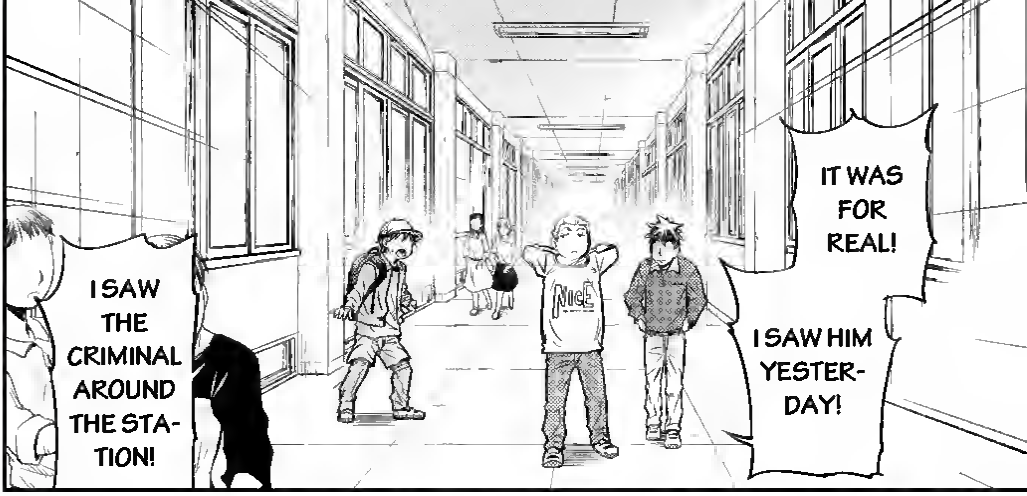
THIS TIME, A MOTHER WHO HAPPENED TO BE AT THE CRIME SCENE WITNESSED THE INCIDENT.
IN THESE INCIDENTS, CHILDREN ARE EXCLUSIVELY TARGETED, AND THEN CUT WITH BLADED OBJECTS.



...AND HE HAD A...SORT OF FRIGHTENING LOOK IN HIS EYES.
AH... YES.
YES, I DO. IT WAS TALL MAN...
JOLT
.....!!
THE GUY I SAW AT THE STATION YESTERDAY.
IT'S HIM.
HE'S THE CRIMINAL!


I SAW THE CRIMINAL AROUND THE STATION!
IT WAS FOR REAL!
I SAW HIM YESTERDAY!

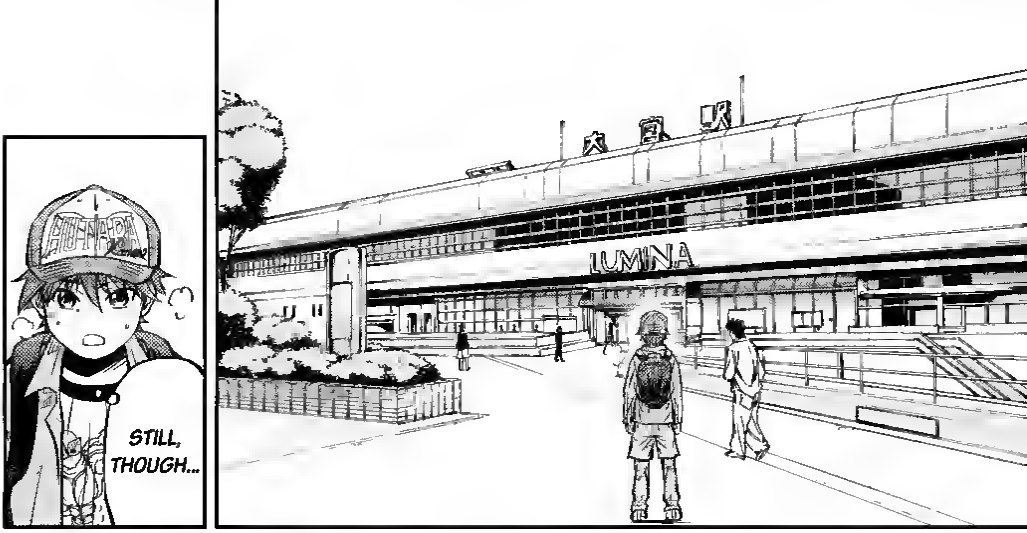
YA-SHIO!
IS IT THAT THING AGAIN?
ACTING LIKE A HERO AGAIN? HA HA!
NO WAY.

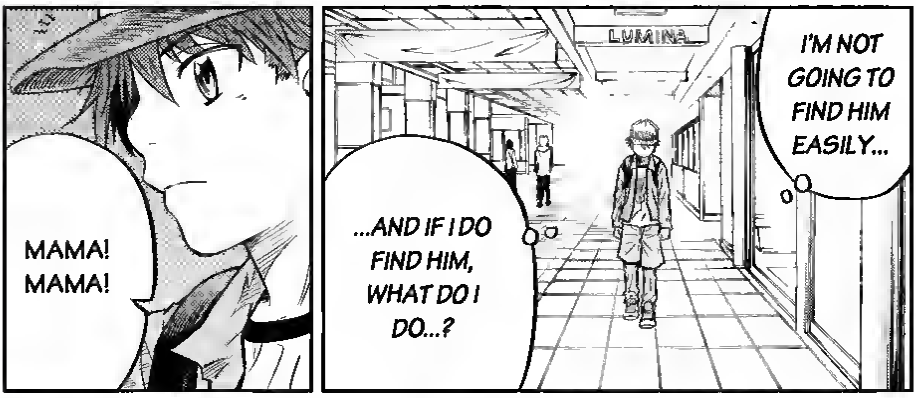
TEACHER! I SAW THE CRIMINAL...

CUT IT OUT!

I WAITED FOR YOU IN THE TEACHER'S OFFICE.
WHY DIDN'T YOU COME YESTERDAY?

GRUMBLE
GRUMBLE
SERI-OUSLY.
ALWAYS TRYING TO BE A HERO...
YOU WILL COME TO THE TEACHER'S OFFICE TODAY, UNDERSTOOD?
TAK
PLEASE DON'T CAUSE ANY MORE PROBLEMS.
GRIT
.....!
DAMMIT!
DAMMIT!
THEY'RE ALL MAKING FUN OF ME!
THEN I'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT MYSELF!


STILL, THOUGH...
LUMINA


MAMA! MAMA!
LUMINA
...AND IF I DO FIND HIM, WHAT DO I DO...?
I'M NOT GOING TO FIND HIM EASILY...

LOOK HERE, NOW...!
NO. DON'T BE SELFISH.
WHAT? YOU'RE STINGY!
STINGY OLD GOAT!
CHOCOBEE! BUY ME CHOCOBEE!

GASP
NO... IS HE...?
THERE... THERE HE IS!
IS HE SEARCHING FOR HIS NEXT PREY?
TUP TUP
!
TURN

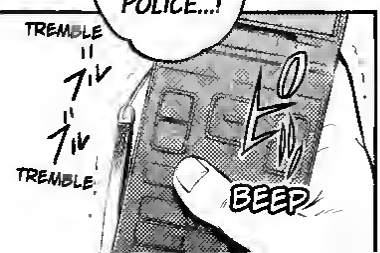
KLAT
KLAT
TUP TUP
SHFF
TURN
.....
HEY, LITTLE MAN.
ERK

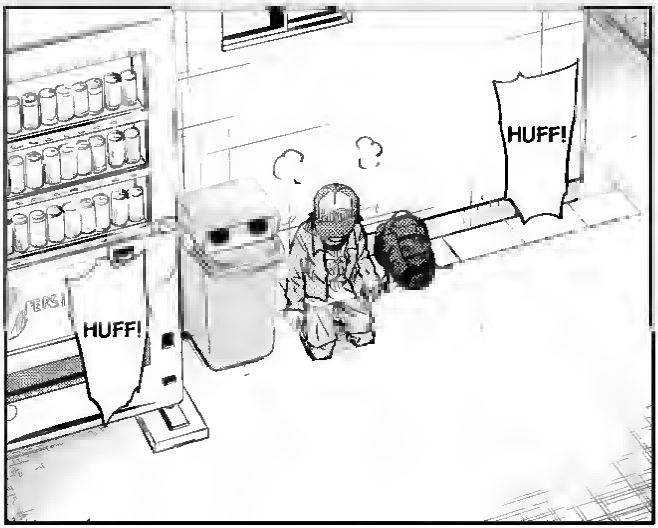
WHY ARE YOU FOL-LOWING ME?

!
HEY, WAIT!
DASH!

OH, CRAP...!

THAT'S RIGHT.


I'LL CALL THE POLICE...!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
BEEP


HUFF!
HUFF!

GR
AB
JOLT
...!!
I TOLD YOU ALREADY, YASHIO...
YOU HAD TO COME TO THE TEACHER'S OFFICE TODAY.
TEA... TEACHER!
I FOUND THE CRIMINAL I MENTIONED EARLIER..!
YOU CAME JUST IN TIME!

SO, YOU DECIDED...
...NOT TO LISTEN TO ME FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.
WAVER
TEACH...?
WHY'S THAT?!
CRICK
WHY WON'T YOU BRATS LISTEN TO ME?
CRICK
WHY DO EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU...
CRUNCH
...ALWAYS MOUTH OFF TO ME CONSTANTLY?!
AH... I HATE IT!
I HATE IT!
BLORK
I HATE IT!
SHWOOM

KILLO
ON
YASHIO... YOU...
TWITCH
...WILL BE DISCIPLINED BY ME!
TWITCH

WAA-
AAH!
AAH...
HISS!
WHOOSH
MO—
MON-
STER!
DASH
SOME-
BODY
HELP!
Kamen
EEK!

CRUNCH
WSHOOM

IT'S...
...IT'S YOU!
...!
WHAT?!
BACK OFF, LITTLE MAN.
I'LL TAKE HIM ON.
LET'S GO!
SHING

TAKKA
TAKKA
TAK
CONTACT WITH THE TARGET HAS BEEN CONFIRMED!
WE'RE MOVING INTO BACKUP POSITIONS!
WHAT'S THE SITUATION AROUND THERE?
TEAM UNITS AT THE SITE HAVE ALREADY BEGUN TO BLOCK PEDESTRIANS!
ROGER.
STARTING BACKUP!
GOOD.
IT'S IRRITATING THAT WE CAN ONLY DEAL WITH THE SITUATION AFTER IT'S HAPPENED...
...BUT FOR THE SAKE OF MANKIND'S FUTURE, WE CANNOT STOP OUR STRUGGLE!
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU, GOU!

TAK
GO ACTION!
ALL RIGHT, GOU! TRANSFORM INTO ACTION MASK!
ROGER.
GO ACTION!
GO ACTION!
OKAY.
LET'S GO TOO, GOU.
YEAH, PARTNER.
GO ACTION!

ACTION MASK

...!
HE TRANS-FORMED?!
HAS ARRIVED!
MRRGH!

I'D BEEN WONDERING WHO YOU WERE!
SHIFT
.....
BA-BLUMP
BA-BLUMP
...BUT WE'RE NOT LETTING YOU GO TODAY, "SERIAL SLASHER"!
WE LOST YOU WHEN WE WERE CAUGHT OFF-GUARD TWO DAYS AGO...
HEH HEH.
I'M NOT LET-TING YOU GET AWAY WITH THIS ANY LONGER.
CLENCH
COME ON!
SHIFT

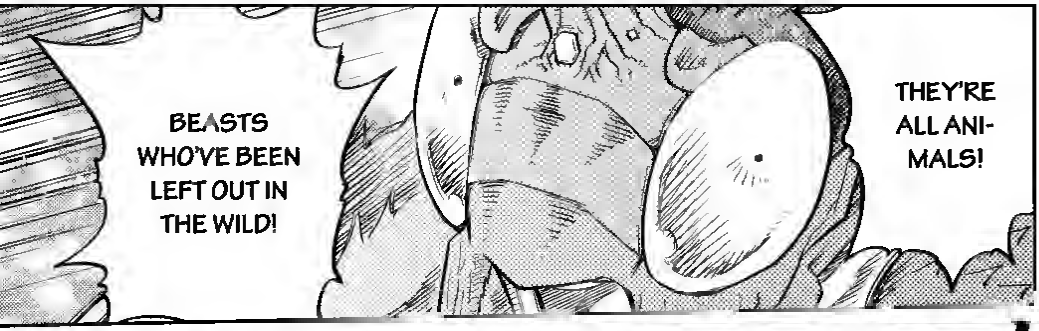
WHOOSH
RIDICU-
LOUS!
I'LL MAKE A
BLOODBATH
OUT OF YOU
FIRST!
CLANG
HISS!
CLANG
WHOOSH

GRRK
GRRK
GRRR!
YARGH
WHY, YOU LITTLE—!
WHAT?
IS THAT IT?
GET OUT OF...
...MY WAY!
SKREEE
JUMP

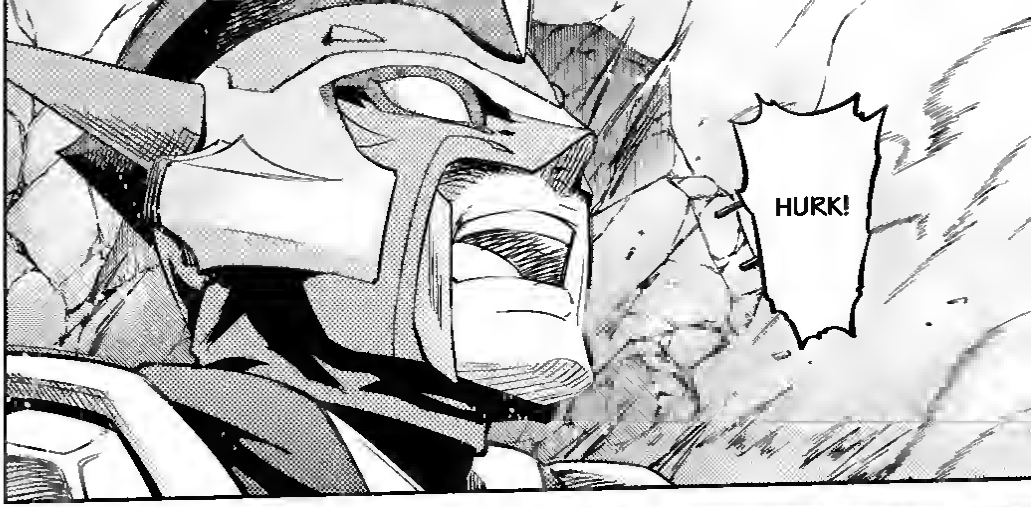
I'M NOT DONE YET!
YAAAH!
SLIDE
KA
KLANG
GO, ACTION MASK!
BLOW AWAY THE BAD GUYS!
THIS IS AWESOME. IT'S THE REAL THING!
A REAL HERO'S RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES!

LITTLE PUNK!
SHUT UP!
LLINGE
DWUH!
TCH!
KLANG
DO I HATE THEM?!
YEAH, I HATE THEM!
DO YOU HATE CHIL-DREN THAT MUCH?!
STOP IT!

TWITCH
I HATE THE SELFISH, UNCONTROLLED ONES!
I HATE THE DESPOTIC, ARROGANT ONES!
OF COURSE I HATE CHILDREN!
I HATE THEM! HATE THEM ALL!
TWITCH


BEASTS WHO'VE BEEN LEFT OUT IN THE WILD!
THEY'RE ALL ANIMALS!

THUD
...MUST BE CORRECTED!
WHAM
ANIMALS WHO LACK DISCIPLINE...
SWING


HURK!

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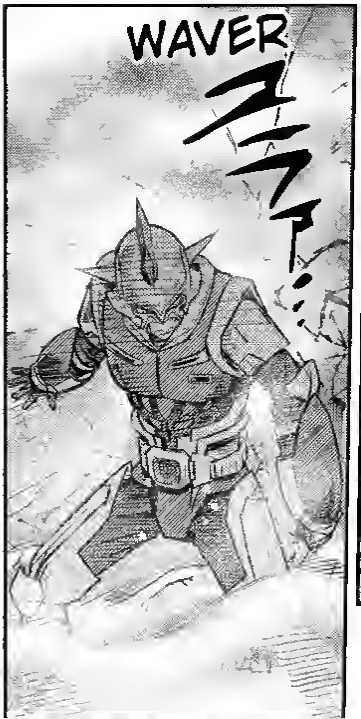

WAVER

KLANK

HEY... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

HANG IN THERE!
YOU'RE A HERO, RIGHT?

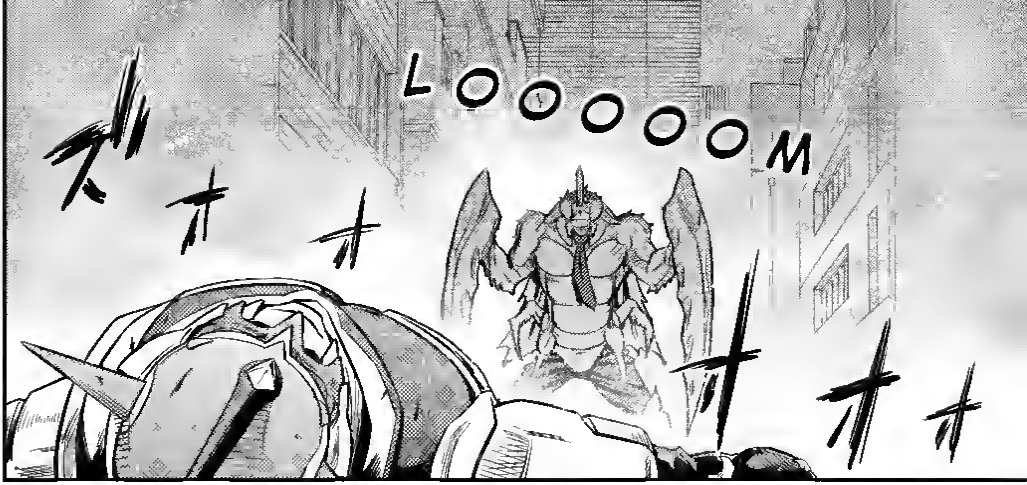
WHAT'S WRONG?
KEEP COMING!
WAVE
HUH?!
YOU IMPU-DENT LITTLE...!
....?!
THEN I'LL GRANT YOU YOUR RE-QUEST...
SLICE
...AND SLICE YOU INTO BITS!
SLICE
SLICE

KLONK
MRRGH!
KA-CHAK
UGH!
PUNCH
WHAT... WHAT'S WRONG...
SNAP
THOK
...WITH HIM?
CRACK
HE'S JUST GETTING PUM-MELED.
WHY'S HE NOT FIGHT-ING BACK...?

LUNGE
AAA-
ARGH!
NNGH!
SHWOOM
THWHUD
EAT
THIS!
CLANG

WOBBLE
SHTP
....!!
OH...
...CRAP
THUDD

NRGH!
THIS ISN'T GOOD!
GOU?!
NO!
GOU!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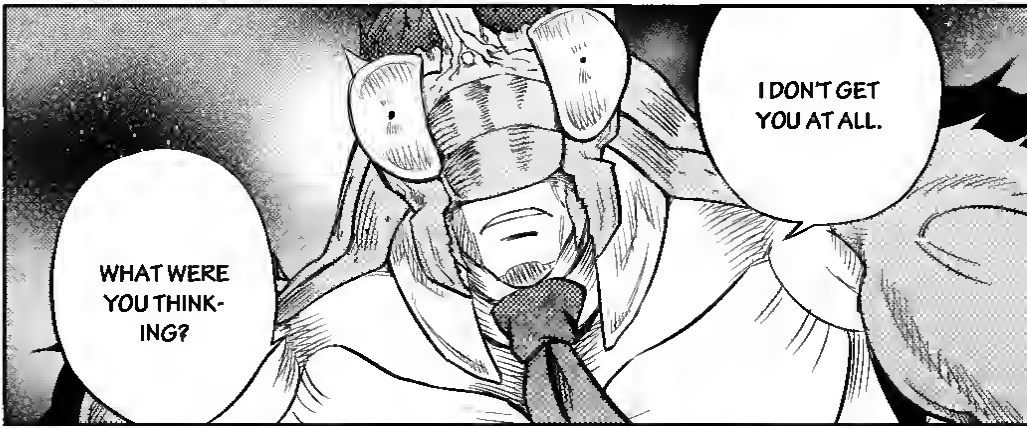
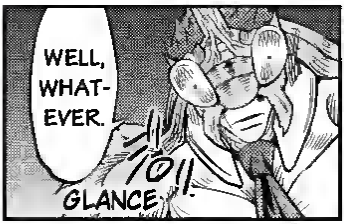

I DON'T GET YOU AT ALL.
WHAT WERE YOU THINK-ING?


WELL, WHAT-EVER.
GLANCE

THE HERO'S...
Ka
THIS... THIS CAN'T BE.

!!
ERK

NEXT IS YOUR TURN...
...YASHIO.
!
EEGH!
FLATTER
IF...
IF I'M GONNA GET KILLED AT THIS RATE...
LURCH

DASH
WAA-
AGH!
SL
AP
AH...!
....!
CLATTER

SLASH
I'M DONE FOR!
WHUMP
...!!
SLASH

.....
ACTION MASK?!
SHIT
ING

RUN WHILE YOU HAVE THE CHANCE, LITTLE MAN!
HEY! ARE YOU OKAY?!
URGH!
THROB
.....!
THROB
BWUH
YOU'LL COVER THE BRAT AGAIN?!
WHY YOU...!
GRRRRR!

CLANG
WHY WON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?!
WHY YOU...! YOU LITTLE...!
CLACK
THOSE BRATS NEED THIS EDUCATION!
THIS IS EDUCATING THEM!
ROAR
HMPH.
I UNDERSTAND YOUR HATRED.
WOBBLE
CRUNCH
I'LL CRUSH YOU AT THIS RATE!
TWITCH
TWITCH

BUT IS THAT REALLY *YOUR* HATE?

.....
CRACK
WHAT?
URGH!
THROB
IS THAT THE IDEAL YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?
WILL YOU BE SATISFIED IF THE KIDS LISTEN TO EVERYTHING YOU SAY?
GRIN
YOU'RE THE WORST EDUCATOR!
SCRAPE
YOU'RE BLIND TO YOUR OWN INCOMPETENCE...
...SO IF THE KIDS WON'T LISTEN TO YOUR ORDERS, YOU MAKE THEM OBEY WITH FORCE. DOES THAT SATISFY YOU?

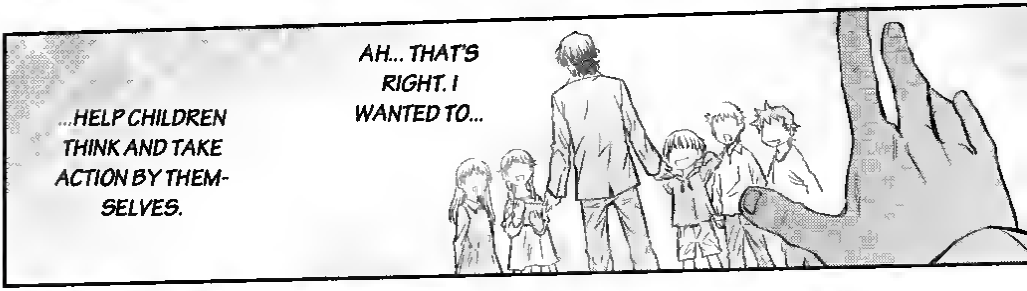
SNAP
SHUT UP!
SHUT UP, SHUT UP!
SHIFT
I REALLY WANTED TO BE...
CRASH
PUNCH
WHAT DO YOU KNOW?!
BZAK
BZAK
I REALLY WANTED TO BE...
...A GREAT EDUCATOR, TOO!
BZAK

PSHIIING
AAA
AAAAAH!!
I SEE IT!
NOW, GOU!
RIGHT!

FLASH
ACTION BEAM!
GHHK...!
AH...!

NRAAA-
AGH!
SHRIIIP

WHAT IS THIS LIGHT?


...HELP CHILDREN THINK AND TAKE ACTION BY THEM-SELVES.
AH... THAT'S RIGHT. I WANTED TO...

PFFAAH

THAT'S THE KIND OF GREAT TEACHER I WANTED TO BE..

HEY, TEACHER!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
TEACH-ER!
WAVER
WHAT AM I... DOING HERE?
OKAY!
EXCUSE US A LITTLE!
STEP

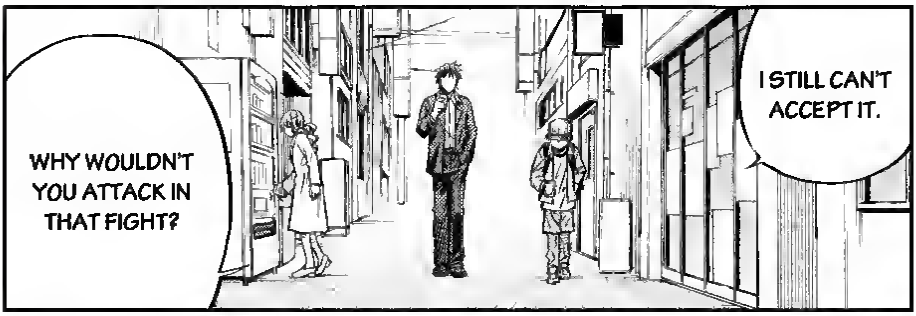
ALL RIGHT! PLEASE GATHER ALL THIS UP!
SCREECH
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE
GOT-CHA!

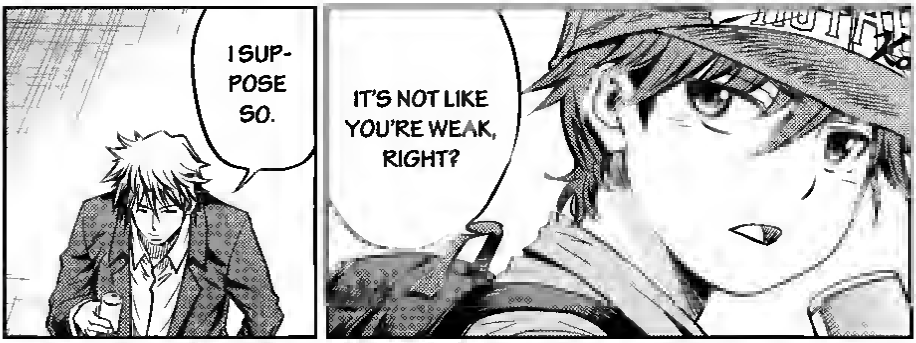
...ALL HE WANTED WAS TO BE A BETTER TEACHER.
IN THE END...
ABK
ABK

BUT THERE ARE NO BAD GUYS FROM THE GET-GO.
SOMEWHERE, THE LITTLE CRACK IN HIS SPIRIT WAS TAKEN ADVAN-TAGE OF.

MISSION ACCOM-PLISHED!
WORLD PEACE HAS BEEN PRO-TECTED AGAIN TODAY.
WAH HAH HAH HAH HAH!

STILL, THOUGH...


WHY WOULDN'T YOU ATTACK IN THAT FIGHT?
I STILL CAN'T ACCEPT IT.


I SUP-POSE SO.
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE WEAK, RIGHT?

...OR RATHER...
THIS IS SOME-THING ONLY I CAN DO...

...THIS IS HOW I DO THINGS.

HA HA!
IS THAT SO... I'M LAME, HUH?

HUH? WHAT WAS THAT?
YOU'RE LAME FOR A HERO!

PBLUSH
PP

!
PAT
WELL...
...WHEN YOU GROW UP, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND TOO, LITTLE MAN.

...DON'T TOUCH ME LIKE WE'RE FRIENDS!
SLAP
DON'T...
I'M A FULL-BLOWN WOMAN!
TA-DA
MY NAME'S MISATO YASHIO!
AND I'M NOT A LITTLE MAN!
HUH, I WONDER?
YOU... YOU KNEW?
SHE'S AN INTEREST-ING KID.
AH HA HA!
YOU DUMB-ASS!

SO HOW'RE YOU FEEL-ING?
OH... THIS IS NOTHING.
I HOPE SO.
WHEN WE RETURN, WE'LL RUN SOME TESTS ON YOU, JUST IN CASE.
OKAY... LET'S GO.
THE DOCTOR'S WAITING BACK AT THE LAB, TOO!
AH!
OUR RIDE HAS JUST ARRIVED!
WHIP
WHIP
WHIP
WHIP
HEEEY!
HERO OF JUSTICE, ACTION MASK...

HIS FIST...
ARCHE
...ONLY SMASHES HEARTS OF HATRED!